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REMARKS

Reconsideration and continuing examination of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the amendments above and the discussion that follows.

Claim 40 has been amended and claims 76 and 77 have been added. Claims 1-2, 6-11, 14-17, 19, 20, 22-28, 32-37, 40-43, 45-46, 48-49, 51, 53, 54, 56-58, 60-65, 67 and 76-77 are in the case and are before the Examiner.

A. The Amendments

The present Reply and Amendment maintains the amendments made in the paper filed on February 20, 2004 that was presumably entered pursuant to the filing of the RCE in April of 2004. The present amendment corrects some inadvertent errors made in the prior response.

Thus, claim 40 has been found to depend from previously cancelled claim 39. That error has been corrected here by amending claim 40 to depend from claim 35.

It was also noted that claims 44 and 47 were cancelled previously, but inadvertently were present in the previously filed paper. Those claims are now shown as cancelled, but they are resubmitted herein as new claims 76 and 77.

It is thus seen that no new matter has been added.

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B. Summary

Claim 40 has been amended and claims 76 and 77 added. Each basis for rejection or objection was dealt with and overcome or made moot in the previously filed paper, with this paper being filed only to clear up some inadvertent errors.

It is therefore believed that this application is in condition for an action on the merits and for allowance of all of the claims. An early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

No further fee or petition is believed to be necessary in view of the added claims having already been paid for and an RCE having a filing fee that is independent of claim numbers. However, should any further fee be needed, please charge our Deposit Account No. 23-0920, and deem this paper to be the required petition.

The Examiner is requested to phone the undersigned should any questions arise that can be dealt with over the phone to expedite this prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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